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Applicant:	FOLLINGSTAD ET AL.	Examiner:	M. FRIEDHOFER
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(37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in prosecution proceedings in the State Intellectual Property Office of China.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

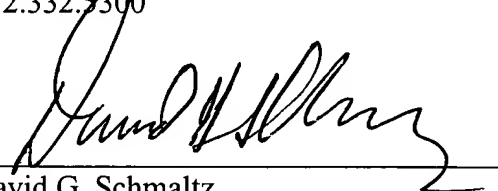
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